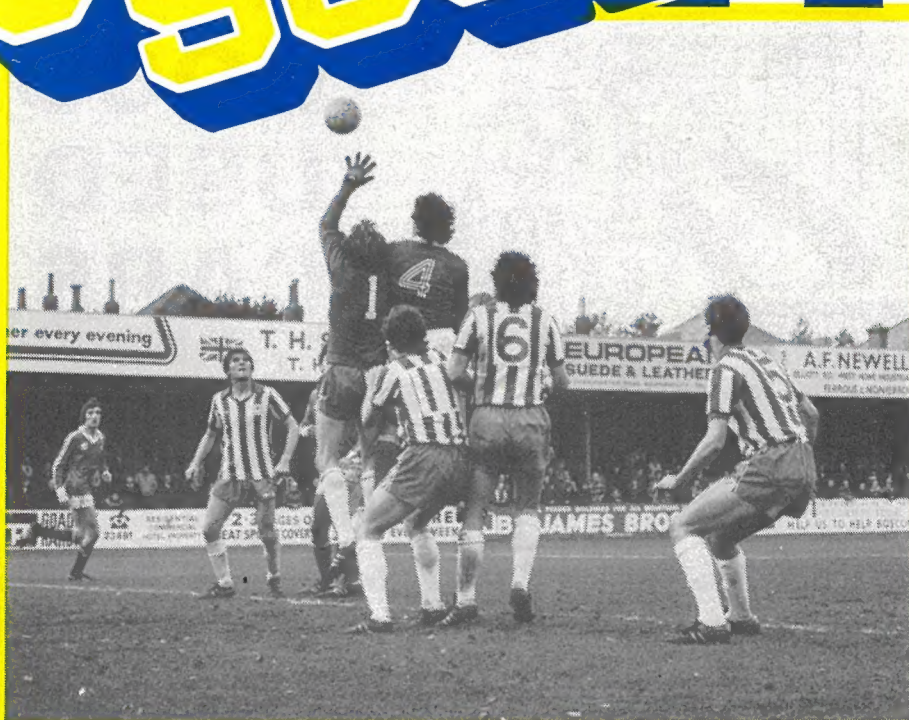


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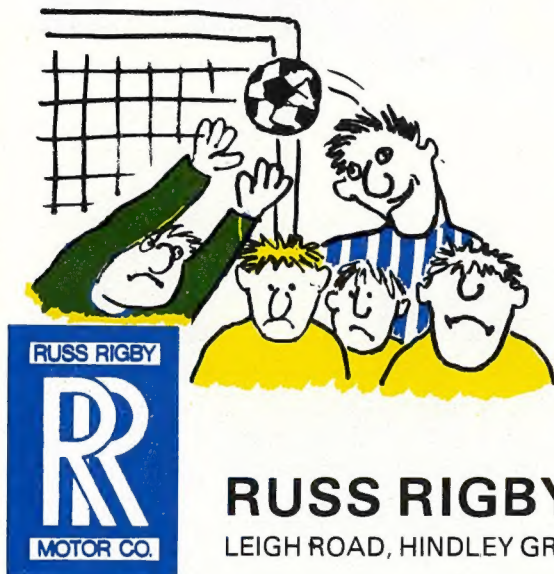
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MY POINT OF VIEW

Good Afternoon all.

A very warm welcome to George Mulhall and his Bradford City side. No doubt feeling better after two good home wins, George will be

extra keen to follow up the good work away from home. Like us they have struggled to pick up points on their journeys, and today's match looks like being a real battle.

Talk in with the Fans.

I would like to take the opportunity of meeting some of you next Thursday evening at Springfield Park, when we can have, hopefully, a constructive discussion on what we would like for the future at Springfield Park. Anyone interested and I am sure all our letter-writers, anonymous ones as well as the people who put their names on them, will be keen to discuss what they feel they had to write about.

Make a date for 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 13th

November, 1980 at Springfield Park in the Main Stand Tea Room.

Injury Problems.

Once again lady luck looked the other way when Brian Kettle joined our long list of injuries. I think it is true to say that at no time this season have we been able to have a full choice of players. One only has to look now at the situation we are in. John Brown, Peter Houghton and Frank Corrigan have been waiting for minor operations. Neil Davids, Noel Ward and now Brian Kettle are out with long-term injuries; add to them, the mishaps to Bobby Hutchinson, George Urquhart and Lawrence Tierney and you can see we have not had the best of fortune. It has certainly cut our pool of players.

Enjoy today's game,

Ian McNeill

Ian McNeill

Front Page photo — "The massed ranks of Wigan defenders prepare to meet the challenge of A.F.C. Bournemouth's John Impey. Photograph by courtesy of Ivor Kerslake, Bournemouth.

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GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

THE LAST of the characters who I intend to cover at this time from the famous Latics team just after the Second World War is Jimmy Shirley. Ashton-born Jim is still a popular figure around Springfield Park. He is a season ticket and shareholder and many of the older fans pass the time of day with him about memories of the days gone by.

Jimmy was a right half back (midfieldman) when he was signed from school in 1939 for a short spell. He was the youngest player to play in the famous side managed by Charlie Spencer but his first spell at Latics did not last long before his impressive form took him to Stockport County as a full time professional.

His spell there did not last long either, because, almost as soon as he signed, war broke out,

although Jim denies strenuously that his signing for Stockport County had anything to do with that. During the war, the former Wigan Schools' Town Team captain captained the Services' International side and he enjoyed his football during those bleak war years.

At the end of the war, Jim joined Rochdale for a short time before returning to Springfield Park and he played for Wigan until Ted Goodier came to the club to take over the manager's post. Goodier arrived at Wigan to find that Sid Littler had placed the whole team on the transfer list!!

Jim was offered terms by Goodier with the chance to become assistant manager, but he turned it down — "The worst decision I ever made", he told me recently. Instead Jim Shirley opted for the player-manager's job at Morecambe. He stayed there for just twelve months before travelling difficulties forced him to quit the job and he returned to Latics in 1959 for a short spell as manager. He lifted them from the lower reaches of the league in his one season and got them to the final of the Junior Cup before relinquishing the manager's chair.

Jim still played an active part in the affairs of the club and until recent years he could claim to have helped with the pools, the social club and almost anything else he was asked to do.

An interesting feature about Jim is that he was probably one of the first Wigan lads ever to be selected for England Schoolboy trials. He was spotted while captaining Wigan Town Team and was overjoyed when he was selected to go for trials for England at Liverpool. When he got there, however, the coaches told him he was too old to be selected. He had passed the age limit by the massive total of . . . 24 hours!!

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by Fred Eyre

I AM often asked about the non-contract players who play an important part in the present and future of Wigan Athletic and in the next few weeks I will write about each of them, but this week I will concentrate on my partner Dave Brooks.

Dave was a very highly-rated amateur player in the days when the status "amateur" by one's own choice really meant something. He played for the famous Dulwich Hamlet side in the Isthmian League in London for two seasons before linking up with top Northern amateur team Northern Nomads for about fifteen years as their regular right fullback, gaining numerous county honours during this time.

He was selected for a tour of America in 1972 and had the honour of having me as his fullback partner and I've been stuck with him ever since!!!

We have played together in approximately two hundred games, forty-three of which were played in nineteen countries including Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, Canada as well as America and Europe.

When Manager Ian McNeill appointed me as Manager to the reserve side after Wigan's entry into the Football League he said I could have an assistant provided he had a good character, was honest and had a sound knowledge of the game. I told him I did not know anybody like that, so could I have Dave Brooks!! He agreed and together we have worked hard to create what we feel to be the correct standards and attitudes in the young players at Wigan.

Dave is married to Carol with two children Paul and Pippa. He lives at Turton and is one of the senior partners in a large firm of Solicitors, with their main office in Leigh, so he is very popular with everybody at the Club whenever they need professional advice.

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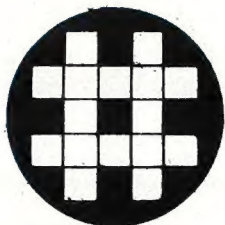
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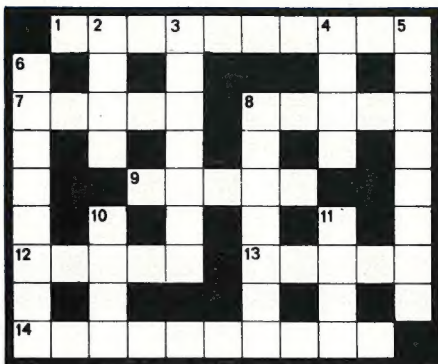
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Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer star:

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MIXED DOUBLES No. 12

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **Hurts** and **Pester** to find two ex-England men.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 12 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Winger who succeeded Stanley Matthews at Stoke and followed 100 appearances for them with another 200 for Oldham before joining Rochdale.
7. Famous Uruguay midfielder who played in the 1962, 1966, 1970 and 1974 World Cup finals (5) (10)
8. --- Vanden Bergh (Lierse) was Europe's 1980 Golden Boot winner (5)
9. Last summer Arsenal signed --- (5)
12. ... and then sold --- (5)
13. The number of full England caps won by 3dn (5)
14. Anfield ever-present in last season's League matches (3, 7)

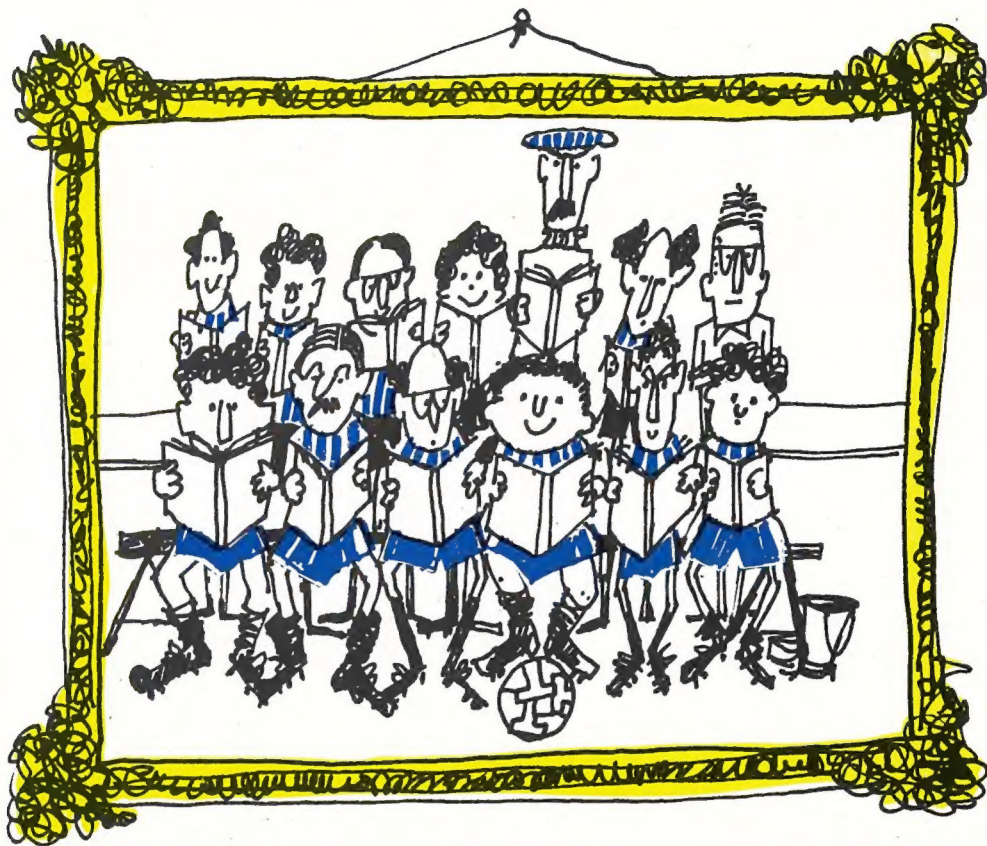
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2. At a penalty, if 'a player of --- team encroaches ... the kick shall be re-taken' (Law XIV) (4)
3. England amateur winger of the 1950s who turned professional with Manchester United (7)
4. Bridgend, Bridgnorth, Bridgwater or Bridlington (4)
5. Between losing to Austria in 1965 and Scotland in 1967 (each time 2-3 at Wembley), England had an undefeated run of this many matches (8)
6. In an official match, if 'the --- becomes displaced or broken play shall be stopped' (Law 1) (5-3)
8. In 1980 --- signed ... (7)
10. ... --- Megson from Plymouth (4)
11. Binney, maybe (4)

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Answers on Page 22.





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ABOVE

Jeff Wright and newcomer Alex Cribble look on as Bournemouth striker Trevor Morgan disputes possession from a sitting position.

RIGHT

Dave Fretwell closes up on Steve Massey in this action shot from last week's game at Bournemouth.



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DUE TO lack of support, we have reluctantly been forced to cancel the "Supporters' Night Out" originally scheduled for Wednesday, 19th November, 1980. The number of supporters prepared to purchase tickets was so few that we could not take the risk of having to meet the considerable costs involved in staging the evening, when there appeared to be little prospect of raising cash needed to cover basic expenses. Maybe, on another occasion, we will be able to drum up the necessary support to guarantee the success of a similar venture.

Spectators at today's game will have noted that this week-end sees the launching of our new Astra Soccer lottery ticket. With our Springfield Rose ticket reverting to a four-weekly frequency to conform to Gaming Board and legal requirements, the new ticket is introduced in order to maintain the flow of fund-raising cash to the Football Club, and, hopefully, to increase the revenue obtained from this aspect of our operations. Whichever of the two tickets you prefer to buy, the cost per ticket is the same—20pence. The Springfield Rose ticket retains the £1,000 jackpot draw feature, whereas the Astra Soccer ticket is totally "instant" and carries a top prize of £250. Why not buy today, it could be that fortune may smile on you!

I am pleased to report that the response to the idea of a Sportsmen's Evening at Tiffany's has been most

encouraging. If you have not already done so, call in at our Commercial Department offices and purchase your £10 ticket for our "Tribute to Bill Shankly Night", to be held, as we have already stated in previous issues, on Thursday, 20th November, 1980 at 8.00 p.m.

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J. T. Sudworth Commercial Manager.



Letterbox

Springfield Park, Wigan. 6th November, 1980.

Dear Readers,

Today I welcome contributions from two of our younger readers. The interest they have shown in putting pen to paper augurs well for the future support of the club. Keep up the good work.

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

18 Ashby Road, Hawkley Hall, Wigan. 1st November, 1980.

Dear Sir,

In recent home matches I have noticed a dramatic increase in the number of "Popular Side" supporters booing and chanting for the sacking of the manager. I am sure if the supporters would be a little more patient, the team's results would improve enormously and help to make Wigan Athletic a better club for the future seasons that lie ahead.

Yours faithfully, David Shaw

20 Ashfield Drive, Aspull, Nr. Wigan. 2nd November, 1980.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to suggest an improvement to the back page of the programme. I would like to see, at the side of the teams, empty spaces where you can fill in the attendance, the score of the match, the goal scorers, and a comment about the match. I would also like to see a box where you can fill in Wigan's player of the match and send it to the club. The name of the winning player would be announced at the next home match and he could get a small prize.

Yours sincerely, Philip Winstanley (aged 11, season ticket holder).

Comment... Much of our programme is pre-printed for the whole season, but Philip's ideas are well worth thinking about for the future.

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TODAY we are pleased to welcome the Bradford City Football Club to Springfield Park. Since Wigan Athletic joined the Football League, it has been involved in several stirring struggles with 'The Paraders', who can always be relied upon to display skill and courage, particularly when faced by the old enemy from Lancashire.

Desperately disappointed to miss promotion to the Third Division, last time around, by that most cruel device of soccer thinking, goal-difference, the Bradford City Football Club has suffered the added disappointment of seeing this year's team fail to get off to the kind of start which could have guaranteed promotion at the end of the current season. With nineteen points from nineteen games played, 'The Paraders' are one of many clubs, Wigan Athletic included, who have yet to break away from the highly-competitive mid-table of the Fourth Division. What is quite certain, however, is that George Mulhall's team will fight tooth and nail to win today's game, thus enabling the club to put distance between itself and Wigan Athletic, and, at the same time, close the

gap on the teams above them already mounting a promotion challenge.

Whether director, management, staff, or supporter, we wish our visitors a warm welcome and a safe journey home tonight across a Pennine range, which, however formidable a geographical feature, cannot provide a barrier to the warm and friendly relationship shared by the Bradford City and the Wigan Athletic Football Clubs.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

SEASON 1978-1979

16th Sept. 1978 Wigan Ath. 1 Bradford City 3
H.T. Score 0-2 Att. 7,090
Scorers: Wigan Ath: Purdie
Bradford City: Cooke, McNiven,
and Martinez.

7th May, 1979 Bradford City 1 Wigan Ath. 1
H.T. Score 1-1 Att. 3,748
Scorers: Bradford City:
P. Jackson
Wigan Ath: Moore

SEASON 1979-1980

29th Sept. 1979 Wigan Ath: 4 Bradford City 1
H.T. Score 1-1 Att. 8,009
Scorers: Wigan Ath: Moore,
Gore, Hinnigan & Houghton
Bradford City: Staniforth

16th Feb. 1980 Bradford City 2 Wigan Ath. 1
H.T. Score 0-1 Att. 6,123
Scorers: Bradford City: Black(2)
Wigan Ath: A. Quinn

PEN PICT

BOBBY CAMPBELL

eight goals in 21 League season making his debut in January 1980. Born taken on as apprentice at Aston Villa in May 1974 in January 1974. Had Halifax Town before Huddersfield Town in August 1977 he went to Sheffield United following spell and at the end of the season for Vancouver Whitecaps. Further spells with Halifax Town and in the City in December.

LES CHAPMAN — M

at Oldham and joined an amateur while playing League soccer. Turned professional in September, 1969, at Huddersfield Town, where he won the Second Division in his first season. In 1970 he returned to Oldham where he won the San Jose Earthquake in the summer of 1978. Oldham for one season for Stockport County in 1980. To City in February 1981.

TERRY COOPER — M

former schoolboy for threequarter who was at Cwmbran Boys side for weekends for youth. Was recommended to Les Graham, a former player who joined the ground side of the Welsh Youth side at Notts. County and then where he stayed for a while before being transferred to City for the 1979-80 season.

TERRY DOLAN — M

League and one sub in last season, scoring several penalties. He is a schoolboy and amateur being allowed to earn his living at Bradford Park Avenue. With Arsenal before he snapped him up for a trial in October 1969. In April 1970 he transferred to City for the 1970-71 season. **BARRY GALLAGHER** — M one of the Club's players, having been an associate schoolboy becoming an apprentice

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1961-1969 Members of Fourth Division

1969-1980 Members of Third and Fourth Divisions



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Forward — Hit 100 appearances last season but for the club in Belfast, he was a professional by 1972, signing full time with a spell on loan with before signing for in April 1975. In was transferred to following a brief loan of that season signed caps. Has since had Huddersfield and Canada and joined 1979.

Midfield — was born in Oldham Athletic as a player in local Sunday league full time and in was transferred to helping the Club to win the Championship in December 1974 he had a spell with in America in before returning to son. He then signed and was transferred 1980.

Defender — is a Rugby Union wing-back represented the before turning out at club soccer sides. He moved to Newport County by County player, and staff. Captained the and later moved to when to Lincoln City seven years before City in June, 1979.

Midfield — made 41 substitute appearances in nine goals, six of is a former associate player with the Club, boss the city to the Club. Had a spell in Huddersfield Town a little under £3,000 in August 1976 he was for £10,000.

Midfield — is a promising young player signed initially on loan forms before a professional and

then turning full time in April 1979. Bradford born, he had a trial with England Schoolboys.

DONALD HUTCHINS — **Forward** — was signed on for Middlesbrough while still at school by Raich Carter, one of England's finest inside forwards. He represented Middlesbrough Boys and North Riding Boys and later went on to Leicester City where he was taken on following a trial. After three years he was signed by Plymouth Argyle and a further three years later was transferred to Blackburn Rovers. Moved to Valley Parade in June 1974.

PETER JACKSON — **Defender** — is another of City's promising young players. He was given an extended first team run towards the end of last season and came through with flying colours. A former Bradford Boys and Keighley Boys representative, he turned down a chance initially to join City, opting for Burnley, but when the Lancashire club decided to release him he joined City as a non-contract player. A spell as an apprentice professional followed before turning full time in April 1979.

DAVID MCNIVEN — **Forward** — missed only one League game last season and finished top scorer with 17 goals. Born at Stonehouse, Lanarkshire, he came to the attention of Scottish Schoolboy selectors and played for the Under-15 side. Then came his move to Leeds United where he was selected for the Scottish Youth side and then the Under-21 team on three occasions, including games in Switzerland and Czechoslovakia. Was transferred to Valley Parade for a fee of £25,000.

CYRIL PODD — **Defender** — joined Bradford City because a friend took the time and trouble to write to them suggesting that this St. Kitts born player should be given a trial. The Club took action, liked what they saw and he was eventually signed full time in August, 1970, following the completion of a two year course in commercial design in advertising at the then Bradford Art College. Is the Club's longest serving professional.

LAMMIE ROBERTSON — **Midfield** — is a former Scottish Schoolboy trialist who came South to sign for Burnley in 1966. Two years later he moved to Bury and then signed for Halifax Town following a loan period. Brighton were his next club and he then moved to the West Country where he joined Exeter City before Frank McClintock, then Manager of Leicester

City signed him. A spell with Chicago Sting's followed before he signed for Peterborough United from whom he was signed in January 1979. Was given coaching responsibilities during the close season here at Bradford City.

STEPHEN SMITH — **Goal-keeper** — was the only City player not to miss a League game last season. He turned down a chance to sign as an apprentice professional with Tottenham Hotspur preferring to join Birmingham City, and made his senior debut in Birmingham's Cenenary game against Celtic during which he saved a Kenny Dalglish penalty. Is a former England Youth player and joined City from Birmingham for £5,000.

DAVID STANFORTH — **Forward** — hails from Chesterfield and is a former Nottingham County Boys representative. Signed as an apprentice professional for Sheffield United during the season 1965/66 and turned full time a month after his 17th birthday. In March 1974 he was transferred to Bristol Rovers, helping them win promotion to the Second Division and becoming their captain for a couple of years. Cost in the region of £24,000 when signed from Bristol in June, 1979.

ALLAN THOMPSON — **Defender** — is a former captain of the Liverpool Boys side and joined Sheffield Wednesday when they were in the First Division as an apprentice professional. Made over 150 League appearances for them before moving to Stockport County in July 1976 and became captain and then player-manager for a spell before signing for the Portland Timbers in America. Following his return he trained with City, eventually signing for them during last season when injury curtailed his senior appearances to only two matches.

GARY WATSON — **Defender** — missed the last third of the season due to injury but still managed 30 League appearances. Bradford born, he has come up through the junior and reserve sides and made his League debut while still an apprentice professional at the age of 16. Scored his first League goal on his 17th birthday.

MICK WOOD — **Defender** — is a former Coventry City associate schoolboy and on his release was signed on similar forms by Blackburn Rovers after he had written asking for a trial. That was the start of a ten year spell with Rovers, ending when City signed him for a fee in the region of £15,000 in March 1977.



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Tuesday, 11th November. Eyes down for Bingo.

Wednesday, 12th November. Match Night. Wigan Athletic v Northampton Town.

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THE FACT that football, and not just Division Four, is experiencing a difficult time financially, was further emphasised this week with the news from Edgeley Park that Stockport County suffered a loss in season 1979-1980 of more than £65,000. This takes County's current total deficit to nearly £250,000.

Meanwhile, Southend United goalkeeper Mervyn Cawston is heading for something of a "clean sheet" record. For Mervyn and his team mates have not conceded a goal at Roots Hall since the 18th August, when Port Vale were on target. So it is nearly nine hundred minutes since Southend United, with a 100% home record to boot, conceded a home goal, and one wonders whether, in the face of opposition from Bury and Bradford City ahead, they can breach the magical one thousand minute barrier.

While Southend United's undisputed success continues to pack the fans in, spare a thought for York City who last week housed their lowest crowd of the season, 1,837 spectators, for the game with Halifax Town. At the other end of the

scale, it is boom time in the North East, where Hartlepool United have taken the Division by storm. In the wake of the 6-2 home hammering of Crewe Alexandra, they attracted 4,357 customers for the next game with Scunthorpe United, and duly obliged the faithful with a victory.

Bradford City's decline has been one of the shocks of the season, and now their talented striker David McNiven has been put on the transfer list. McNiven arrived at Valley Parade from Leeds United three years ago for £25,000. Back to falling attendances again and we note that Bradford City's gate of 2,279 for the recent visit of Aldershot was their lowest of the season.

Meanwhile, struggling Halifax Town welcomed Tommy Graham's first goal for the club, ironically against Bradford City, but manager George Kirby will shortly rue the loss of defender Chris Dunleavy. Dunleavy was released by Halifax Town last season but returned to the Shay on a non-contract basis to help out. Chris has now decided to move on again and plans a new career in Australia in the New Year.



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George Stuart McWilliam Urquhart
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Date of Birth: 22nd April, 1952

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 11st. 12lbs.

Previous Professional Clubs:

St. Mirren and Ross County

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respect in the game.

After several appearances in a
substitute's role, George made his full
Football League debut against Bradford
City on 29th September, 1979. To date
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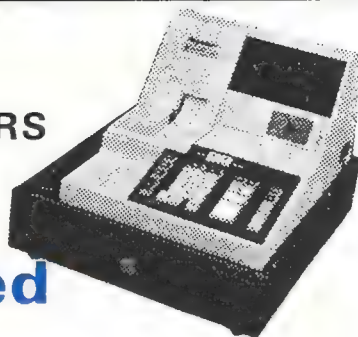
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IN THIS day and age, when so much is written about the problems facing English Football and the lack of entertainment provided by our much-criticised players, it is refreshing to read an outsider's view of the way in which our game is presented, supported and played. You will have read in the local press that the Wigan Athletic Football Club receives letters every week from the Continent of Europe and beyond. We are pleased to reproduce a comment by Mr. Maarten Steinkamp, of H.v. Schadijcklaan 23, 1241 BN Kortenehoef, Holland, entitled "A Dutch View on English Soccer".

"A well known fact is that a lot of people on the Continent enjoy watching highlights on television of English soccer matches, but why is English football so very popular in Europe! I suppose the main reason is that English League and Cup matches are far more exciting and attractive to watch. I think English teams realise (better than teams on the Continent) that people who come to watch them are in fact paying their wages (at the turnstiles) which means those people should be entertained. This way of thinking certainly has its influence on the tactics of the teams. English teams normally try to **attack** for 90 minutes (which creates a very nice and enjoyable match, of course). In Holland it

seems that teams are always **defending** and try to win by quick "break-a-way" goals, this is of course very boring to watch. I also notice that English supporters are, without any doubt, the most loyal supporters in the world. Usually quite a lot of them (compared with other countries) go to away matches, and, if their team play not too well for some matches, they still turn up to support their team. I think this "relationship" is created by the Supporters' Clubs which are (compared with Holland or other countries) very active and lively — for example, Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club!!

Another very special thing is the atmosphere in the grounds which always fascinate me. In English grounds, the stands always seem to be about 6 inches away from the players on the pitch. (I hate those German grounds where you are about 15 miles away from the field).

All those things are making (for me) football in England very popular. Sometimes they say English Football is very simple ("Kick and rush football") but I'd rather see a simple exciting match than a match which is more intelligent and boring to watch".

M. Steinkamp.

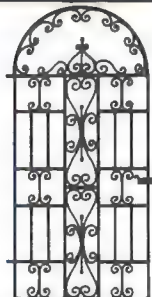
How nice it is, for a change, to read a rosy viewpoint on the English Soccer scene.

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If you would like a message (especially a humorous one) passed to a friend who may be listening, leave written details in the Football Club general office and the commentators will do their best to meet your request.

Yours, in sport, Harry Carey.

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The Chairman's Column

A VERY WARM welcome is extended to our friends from the Bradford City Football Club this afternoon, and, in particular to my close personal friends Mr. Bob Martin, the club chairman, and Mr. George Mulhall, the team manager. The West Yorkshire club is always looked upon as a front-runner and can be relied upon to provide attractive entertainment and an exciting and competitive game. I would also like to welcome my personal guests at today's game — Mr. Jim Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, and his Deputy Chief Constable, Mr. Don Elliott. Most of the Wigan public will be aware that Mr. Anderton and his wife were brought up in the Wigan area and are proud of that fact. Indeed, Mr. Anderton's father was a local mine-worker when Wigan was known as a mining area.

Although our spirits were lifted by the well-merited draw against Doncaster Rovers in mid-week, when our players really had to fight for their point, we are still far from satisfied with our overall playing record away from home. Even at home, where we are having the better of things, there is still room for improvement and we are bitterly disappointed that, at this time, we are not among the leading group of clubs pushing for promotion to the Third Division. We are well aware of our inadequacies; we do need to strengthen our playing staff; but we are working at it and we are not just hoping the problems will solve themselves. Indeed, prior to writing these notes, I have given Ian McNeill permission to spend not far short of £40,000, if he thinks it necessary, in his efforts to sign a striker and a defender. In this day and age of unemployment and economic problems, it is hard to come by such money, but, as far as we are able, we are committed to investing for the ultimate benefit of the club. One thing we are not prepared to do, is to spend huge sums of money which we cannot hope to recover and we must not fall into the trap of risking the whole financial future of the club.

Just for the record, I must comment on Mick Quinn's goal at Doncaster. Not only was the goal well set-up by David Glenn, but the bravery young Mick Quinn showed in diving to head the ball home was quite exceptional. In both players, I see a great deal of promise for the future.

Enjoy this afternoon's game.

Yours sincerely,
Freddie Pye

Chairman.

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Dave Fretwell	3	Gary Watson
Lawrence Tierney	4	Billy Ingham
Colin Methven	5	Peter Jackson
Alex Cribley	6	Mick Wood
David Glenn	7	Les Chapman
Jeff Wright	8	David Staniforth
Peter Houghton	9	Bobby Campbell
Mike Quinn	10	Terry Dolan
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Referee:

MR. G. NOLAN

(Stockport)

Began refereeing in South Wales in 1959 and progressed through the Welsh League. Moved to Stockport in 1967 and continued via Cheshire League to the Football League's full list. Refereed the 1973 England v. Ireland Youth International, also all of Cheshire Senior Cup Finals. Lined the full International match — Austria v. Hungary — in 1974. Took charge of the 1977 F.A. Youth Cup Final and also two schoolboy internationals. A married man, with two sons, he is Deputy Headmaster of a large Comprehensive School. Has quoted his interests as "My family and football".

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